

**DEPARTMENT
GOALS**

In line with departmental goals, Indian outreach services (IOS) are designed to:

- Assist in the prevention or remedy of neglect, abuse, and exploitation of Indian children and adults unable to protect their own interests.
- Promote the stability and security of Indian tribes and cultures, as well as, to protect the best interests of Indian families and individuals.
- Strengthen family life by assisting with preserving, rehabilitating, and reuniting Indian families.
- Assist Indians in their efforts to achieve, maintain, or maximize economic self-support, self-sufficiency, and self-determination.

DEFINITIONS

Definitions in the Native American Affairs manual series are to be used and referenced for ALL Indian child welfare matters. See Native American Affairs Glossary (NAG).

LEGAL BASIS

Social Security Act, 42 USC 670 et seq.

Social Welfare Act, 1939 PA 280, as amended, MCL 400.1 et seq.

State of Michigan Annual Appropriations Act.